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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

The patent application referred to above was filed in the U.S. Patent Office as a national application under 35 USC §371. The applicants have been notified that a copy of the International Search Report has been made available in the national stage file as indicated on the Notification of Acceptance of the Application under 35 USC 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903). The Notification does not indicate whether copies of the references cited in the International Search Report were received by the Patent Office. Therefore, copies of the references cited in the International Search Report are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. However, the applicants have not submitted a copy of the U.S. patent cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the applicants hereby request that the references cited in the International Search Report and listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 be made of record and considered in the examination of the subject application.

The applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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